

A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Richard Cole at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Wendy Walsh, 18000 Bear Creek Farm Road, Woodinville 98077, said she has put her property in a conservancy to protect Bear Creek. She noted she was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Shorelines Management Program, and is a lead for the fresh water mussel study in Bear Creek. She explained mussels are an indicator species for the health of the stream, and if they die, it means the stream is in trouble. She said the mussels in the Creek are dying, and the ones that remain are primarily in the area of her property.

Ms. Walsh asked the Council to keep the integrity of Bear Creek in mind as it reviews the shoreline regulations. She distributed to the Council photographs of the last big salmon run and noted there has not been a run like it since; in fact, there are hardly any fish at all. Ms. Walsh added there will probably be objections from property owners along Evans Creek because they want to be able to do what they want to with their property, but times have changed, and the salmon population is hanging in the balance. She concluded the Shoreline Master Program can be a model for other communities surrounding Redmond.

Ms. Walsh said she would like to see the shoreline buffers expanded, and urged the Council to put in all the protections possible. She offered to be a resource on the mussel study.

Judy Jewell, 12120 202 Ave NE, Woodinville 98077, said the proposed shoreline regulations are highly controversial to the Southeast Redmond business community. RICE (Redmond Industries for a Clean Environment), she continued, has been unable to resolve all of its issues with Planning Department staff. She noted the Council's receipt of her letter dated January 20, 2004, which lists five primary points they would like to continue to discuss with the city. She said RICE business representatives would be happy to attend the February 10, 2004 meeting to discuss the buffer study.

Jim Abbott, 1501 North 200 Street, Shoreline 98133, representing Larry Nelson, who has requested that the Council reconsider its decision to overrule the Hearing Examiner's recommendation on the Sequoia Estates rezone matter. He said Mr. Nelson spent two years working to develop a project that is compatible with the adjacent properties. Last year, he continued, Mr. Nelson held a voluntary meeting with the property owners so they could

express their concerns, after which a concomitant agreement was worked out with the city to address the city's concerns about the project. He concluded, in October 2003 the matter was presented to the Hearing Examiner, and the Hearing Examiner found the proposed project to be compatible with the neighborhood and recommended approval.

Mr. Abbott said on December 2, 2003, he and his client believe the Council did not have all the information when it voted to deny the Hearing Examiner's recommendation, and they would like to have an opportunity to describe the project in more detail and answer the questions raised by the Council regarding traffic and compatibility with the neighborhood. He noted that the Hearing Examiner heard testimony on those issues, and the city's studies determined that adding seven units did not create significant impacts.

Motion by Mr. Paine, second by Mr. Robinson, to reconsider the Sequoia Estates rezone.

Councilmember Paine said he moved for reconsideration because there is a new Council and it is an opportunity for others to look at the facts. He added, however, that just because he sponsored it did not necessarily mean he would change his vote, but he felt it was fair to consider it again.

Councilmember Cole argued against the motion because the Council rejected the rezone, and in his view approving the rezone would be spot zoning. He said his other concern is the current use; it is zoned for higher use but the area is primarily single family, and he did not think it was fair to the people who live there to put higher zoning in the middle of a single family neighborhood.

Councilmember Robinson said he seconded the motion and would support it. He noted over the last ten or twenty years the city and our neighborhoods have changed. He agreed the higher density zone would have a devastating impact on the neighborhood, but the developer has done everything possible to mitigate the concerns and make it fit into the neighborhood. He pointed out that not far away the zoning is R-20 and R-30, so the zoning is not totally incompatible. He agreed with Councilmember Paine that the new Council might have a different perspective on housing. He concluded it is a high quality project, and urged the Council to reconsider it.

Motion carried (5 - 2) with Cole and Vache voting nay.

Latha Sambamurti, Chair of the Performing Arts Committee of the Redmond Arts Commission, noted the Council's receipt of

a flyer entitled "Bringing a World of Art to Redmond in 4 Saturday Shows" which describes the 2004 Winter Performance Series. She said the flyers are widely available throughout the community.

Libby Goldstein, 10503 176 Place NE, said the people in her neighborhood, the Canterbury subdivision, are concerned about Redmond High School students parking in their neighborhood. She explained with the temporary closure of the existing parking lot and having to use smaller temporary parking lots, students parked on the streets. Now that lot is open, but the number of cars parked in the neighborhood has not decreased; on a daily basis there are twenty or more cars parked there, she added.

Ms. Goldstein said the neighbors are concerned the increased parking has changed the character of the neighborhood. Also, she continued, some students drive faster than they should, and it is not safe for children to play in the street. Another concern, she noted, is an increased amount of litter and some neighbors have complained to the school about the trash. She concluded people who are trying to sell their homes have been asking realtors to bring in prospective homebuyers when school is not in session.

In response to questions from Councilmembers McCormick and Paine, Ms. Goldstein said Jeff Palmer, Neighborhood Traffic Calming Coordinator, has talked to the school administration and the school agreed to lock a side door that is close to the neighborhood to discourage students from parking on the streets and coming into the school that way, but the door has not been locked. She added that she believed some of her neighbors would be agreeable to parking restrictions on the street. She concluded residential neighborhoods should not have to deal with this kind of matter, and she encouraged the Council to work with the Lake Washington School District to solve the problem.

Don Cairns, Transportation Division Manager, said Mr. Palmer recently sent a survey to all of the property owners in the neighborhood, and staff is in the process of evaluating the ones that were returned.

Councilmember Cole asked staff to bring a written report back to the Council on February 3, 2004.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Paine, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approval of minutes - there were no minutes for approval

- (2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#156756 through 157339; and  
#117468 through 118610     \$2,541,100.92

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#211398 through 212626     \$8,458,911.83

- (3) approve the final contract amount with Terra Dynamics, Inc., Seattle, Washington, for the base bid amount of \$281,556.99 plus change orders and bid item quantity increases and decreases resulting in a final amount including sales tax of \$254,457.27; and accept construction of the Welcome Park Pond, Project No. 03-SD-72 as of January 20, 2004
- (4) approve the final contract amount with Tri-State Construction, Bellevue, Washington, for the base bid amount of \$1,723,683 plus changes, bid item quantity increases and decreases, resulting in a final contract amount of \$1,671,994 plus sales tax; and accept construction of the 2003 Miscellaneous Water System Improvements, Project Nos. 00-OW-69 and 00-OW-70 as of January 20, 2004
- (5) approve the Regional Fire Consortium Recruitment Agreement, which will succeed the Joint Firefighter Testing Interlocal Agreement approved in July 1993
- (6) adopt Ordinance No. 2189, accepting the donation of a 1997 Chevrolet Astro Van from the King County Metro Van Pool, to the Redmond Fire Department; and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with King County regarding such donation, which was presented and read
- (7a) adopt Ordinance No. 2190, establishing the 2004 R Pay Plan for employees covered by the Redmond City

Hall Employees Association representing employees in professional, technical and administrative positions, which was presented and read

- (7b) adopt Ordinance No. 2191, establishing the 2004 FS Pay Plan for employees covered by the International Association of Firefighters No. 2829 representing the Fire Support Unit, which was presented and read
- (7c) adopt Ordinance No. 2192, setting 2004 salaries for regular and supplemental employees represented by the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 21-RD (AFSCME), which was presented and read
- (7d) adopt Ordinance No. 2193, establishing the 2004 PC Pay Plan for employees covered by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) No. 519 Public Safety Employees representing the Police Commanders, which was presented and read
- (8) approve Resolution No. 1180, supporting legislative action to prohibit smoking in public places, which was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

#### REPORTS

##### Staff Report - Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) Status Report

Rob Odle, Policy Planning Manager, in a memorandum to the Mayor and Council dated January 20, 2004, announcing the downtown Redmond TOD and transit center design charrette, which is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2004, at the Tech Center.

Jim Charlier gave a short overview of the design process that the city is doing jointly with Metro and Sound Transit. He introduced Shelley Poticha, National Director of Reconnecting America's Center for Transit Oriented

Development, and Marilee Utter, an expert from the development side of Transit Oriented Development. He said Matt Aho will lead the third design team.

Ms. Poticha and Ms. Utter spoke briefly about Transit Oriented Development. They said they would like to hear from the Council their vision for the community.

Mr. Charlier said the drawings will be on display and there will be people available to explain them and answer questions. He said citizens are welcome to attend the design session in the afternoon, but there would not be opportunities for participation at that point. At 6:00 p.m. the meeting will break for dinner and reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for a slide show of similar projects around the country, and the public will have an opportunity to participate. He added that during the noon hour Ms. Poticha and Ms. Utter will be doing the same slide presentations, and people are welcome to attend that, as well. Mr. Charlier distributed a handout explaining the charrette objectives and process.

#### Staff Report - Shoreline Master Plan

Cathy Beam, Principal Environmental Planner, in a memorandum dated January 20, 2004, briefed the Council on the Planning Commission's proposed Shoreline Master Program Update and schedule.

Councilmember Robinson said it is clear that buffers are going to be an issue. He remembered discussion on riparian corridor setbacks years ago when he worked on the citizens committee. He asked if there is any other information on buffer width besides the state's report? Ms. Beam replied a lot of work is going on regionally, and new data is coming out from the technical teams.

Councilmember Vache said he would like to highlight the economic ramification issue. In addition, he thought it might be appropriate to have a public meeting with RICE representatives. Ms. Beam responded that the last page of the staff report includes an outline of the public review process and lists the individuals who testified at the Planning Commission's public meetings.

Councilmember Cole asked if there is any imminent legislation? Ms. Beam said she would check and provide information to the Council. She said the new guidelines became effective on January 17, 2004, and bills regarding Best Available Science have been introduced this legislative session.

Staff Report - SR-520 "Nickel Project" SR-202 West Lake Sammamish Parkway Project Update

Don Cairns, Transportation Services Manager, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 26, 2003, presented information about issues related to the State Route 520 improvements approved by the legislature as part of the state's "Nickel Funding Package".

Councilmember McCormick said staff made the point that it would take additional staff time and dollars to make sure our goals are met. She wondered if staff was looking for action from the Council this evening regarding support or budget. Mr. Cairns replied staff wanted to make the Council aware of the potential project implications for Redmond and may present a budget proposal in the future.

Staff Report - City Hall Project Update

Mike Paul, Project Manager, said this afternoon we received Hearing Examiner approval of the appeal by Wright Runstad to make the parking garage three stories. He added staff is working to bring the information requested at the January 13, 2004 study session regarding budget and zoning issues. He noted the Council's receipt of financial information from the October 2003 study session.

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Paine said Washington State Department of Transportation has been responding to the comments from the public about the removal of the SR 202 to Sahalee Way project from the construction project list.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND DECISION: APPLICATION OF JOHN F. BUCHAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 174 PLACE NE, PPL99-001

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Resha, to approve a street reimbursement agreement between the City of Redmond and John F. Buchan Construction for improvements to 174 Place NE in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth in full. The assessment reimbursement area and assessment roll shall be as set forth in such agreement. The Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the city, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to record such agreement with the King County Department of Records and Elections. All

costs of recording shall be paid by the applicant. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND DECISION; APPLICATION OF JOHN F. BUCHAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 116 PLACE NE, PPL99-001

Councilmember Vache recused himself from consideration of this item.

Motion by Mr. Robinson, second by Mr. Paine, to approve a street reimbursement agreement between the City of Redmond and John F. Buchan Construction for improvements to NE 116 Street in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth in full. The assessment reimbursement area and assessment roll shall be as set forth in such agreement. The Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the city, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to record such agreement with the King County Department of Records and Elections. All costs of recording shall be paid by the applicant. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

Councilmember Vache returned to the dais.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

James E. Haney, City Attorney, explained the process for electing the Council President.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cole opened the floor to nominations for Council President.

Councilmember Marchione nominated Councilmember McCormick for Council President.

Councilmember Paine nominated Councilmember Robinson for Council President.

Hearing no others, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole closed nominations for Council President.

Councilmember McCormick was elected Council President by a vote of (4 - 3).

Mayor Pro Tempore Cole opened the floor to nominations for Council Vice President.



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Councilmember McCormick nominated Councilmember Vache for Council Vice President.

Hearing no others, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole closed nominations for Council Vice President.

Councilmember Vache was elected Council Vice President by a unanimous vote (7 - 0).

Councilmember McCormick recognized Councilmember Cole for his six years as Council President.

The Council noted vacancies need to be filled on the Historical Commission, the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee and the Business Tax/Transportation Improvements (BTII) Advisory Committee.

Jane Christenson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, said it was the Mayor's desire to bring back the appointments for the Council's consideration when she returns.

Council President McCormick said at the Council retreat there was discussion about Council Committees, and the Council decided to talk to the Strategic Leadership Team about the committee structure. She suggested making temporary appointments since the committee chairs comprise the Redmond Public Corporation. She passed around a sheet of paper to the Council to sign up for the committees on which they would like to serve.

Council President McCormick noted that the meeting with the Strategic Leadership Team is not scheduled until the end of March 2004, the next fifth Tuesday, and she felt that was too long to wait. She suggested that finding a Saturday morning in February for a joint retreat between the Council and the SLT. Councilmembers Marchione and Vache volunteered to work with staff on the details of the meeting.

Ms. Christenson pointed out that the timing for a February 2004 date would be a challenge due to vacation schedules.

For the benefit of the new members, Council President McCormick explained that, traditionally, the seating at the dais has been determined by seniority. The Councilmembers agreed to the following seating plan, from left to right - Councilmembers Resha, Marchione, Robinson, Paine, Vache, Cole, McCormick, Mayor Ives, and the City Attorney.

Councilmember Cole said the budget retreat will be scheduled soon. Councilmembers Cole and Paine volunteered to work with staff on the budget retreat.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council,  
the Mayor Pro Tempore declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20  
p.m.

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MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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CITY CLERK